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## PREPARING.

Nothing is more important to a harbor than good wharves. The wharf space in our harbor has been outgrown by our commerce. Though the original intention of Mr. Cooper, when he was Superintendent of Public Works, was to ask for considerably more money than was voted out of the loan bill by the Legislature, much can be done with the \$300,000 that passed the two houses.

We showed the capacity of our harbor the other day when it held three battleships, four cruisers, a transport and a large number of merchant vessels. But we did not have wharf room enough, that was plainly evident. However with the commencement of this work, a step in advance will be made, and in course of time we shall have ample room. The plan of moving the wharves for the inter-island trade from their present locations further into the harbor, is decidedly a good one, as it leaves the space free for deep sea steamers.

We must give the utmost attention to our harbor facilities. Old whalers talk of the immense mass of shipping which used to call here in the fifties, and a look at the old numbers of The Friend show what numbers of vessels used to frequent the port. But the shipping of the whaling times is nothing to the shipping which will come with the opening of the Panama Canal, and it is for the Panama Canal that we must prepare.

Progress in the Pacific is going to be very rapid within the next decade, and the progress of the Territory will be rapid. No place will need to progress more rapidly than Honolulu, for upon the energy of its citizens depends its ability to hold the commanding position which she should commercially.

How enormous has been the progress in the last thirty-five years. What a great contrast there is between the solitary little steamer Idaho, which used to put out once a month from San Francisco, and crawl down in eleven or twelve days, and the large fleet of steamers, headed by the Korea and Siberia, which have brought down the time of passage to six days, and could do it in five. But great as is the contrast between the Idaho and the Korea, still greater will be the contrast between the number of vessels calling at this port now, and the number that will call ten years hence. It is most necessary therefore for us to be properly prepared for the future, and that preparation has now begun.

## LYNCH LAW.

Thomas Nelson Page, the author of Red Rock and a large number of other brilliant works of fiction, is also a writer upon social questions, and has recently produced a very thoughtful article upon the subject of lynching of negroes. He points out, however, that lynching is general as well as particular, and that it is caused by the boldness with which crime is committed by lawbreakers and the inefficiency of the law in dealing with them through its regular forms. Though he deprecates the practice he confesses that most persons cognizant of all the conditions and circumstances find justification for this "wild justice."

All thoughtful men, says Mr. Page, know that respect for law is the basic principle of civilization, and are agreed as to the evil of any over-riding of the law. All reasonable men know that the over-riding of law readily creates a spirit of lawlessness, under which progress is retarded and civilization suffers and dwindles. To overcome this conviction and stir up men of rational mind to a pitch where the law is trampled under foot, the officers of the law are attacked, and their prisoner taken from them, there must be some imperative cause. The record of such over-riding of the law is a terrible one.

The Chicago Tribune has been making a careful list of lynchings which have occurred since 1885, and the results are extraordinary.

## Lynchings in 18 years.

1885.....	184	1895.....	171
1886.....	138	1896.....	131
1887.....	122	1897.....	166
1888.....	142	1898.....	127
1889.....	176	1899.....	107
1890.....	127	1900.....	115
1891.....	192	1901.....	135
1892.....	235	1902.....	96
1893.....	200	1903 (to Sept. 14, eight and a half months).....	76
1894.....	190		

This gives over 2,700 persons put to death during eighteen years without due process of law. Grouped in this way the record is appalling. There must be some cause underlying this when in the most advanced period of time men of culture and thought join with men less cultured and mayhap brutal to trample law under foot.

Again though lynching has been far more common in the South than in the North, the number of lynchings in the South since 1900 has steadily diminished, while there has been an increase of lynching in the North. So also the number of negroes lynched has lessened during the last four years, while the number of whites lynched has increased. But the total number of negroes lynched is far in excess of the total number of whites. The following table shows this:

Total lynchings.	Whites.	Negroes.	In South.	In North.
1900.....	115	8	107	8
1901.....	135	26	107	14
1902.....	96	9	86	9
1903 (to Sept. 14).....	76	13	63	10

The cause of lynching in the South is considered by many as racial. But the spread of lynching in the North cannot be put down to this. Indeed one very much doubts whether the true cause of lynching even in the South is racial. The whole crime of lynching, if crime it is, lies with the inefficiency of the law, or rather with the inefficiency of those who administer the law. The law provides for the punishment of the guilty, but the machinery of the law provides for their escape.

Again the law provides for delays. When a crime is clear, the people demand swift punishment. But the law steps in, or better the lawyer steps in with technicalities and delays the course of true justice. It is not true justice to save the criminal from his deserts. It is a paltering with justice and it is this paltering with justice that brings about the "wild justice" of lynch law. Whenever justice is not properly meted out lynching will follow. The remedy for lynching lies with the jury which will convict and the judge who will sentence fearlessly. It is a very remarkable thing that law may at times create lawlessness, but so it is, and it is something of a paradox to ponder over.

## A MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN.

A Vienna manufacturer, Leopold Kupelwieser, prompted by the result of Professor Koch's investigations relating to intermittent fever, has placed at Dr. Koch's disposal the island of Brioni (situated west of the peninsula of Istria and about 60 miles south of Trieste), to enable him to continue there his investigations. The experiments which Dr. Koch had made in Africa convinced him that malaria could be stamped out in many places where it is now prevalent, and that where it was possible to isolate such a place the task would be comparatively easy. It is now well known that the microbe of malaria is conveyed from one person to another by the sting of a species of mosquito.

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quitos from the mainland seemed to be out of the question, and it was hoped that by curing the sick during the cold season and then waging energetic warfare against the conveyer of the microbe the disease could be permanently banished from the island. Dr. Koch therefore accepted the offer made to him by Mr. Kupelwieser and entrusted Professor Frosch and Dr. Blundau, of Berlin, with this mission. Their remarkable success led the Austrian Government to make an attempt to exterminate malaria on the coast of Istria by Professor Koch's method. It caused three malaria stations to be established and detailed physicians, furnished with the finest microscopical instruments, to these stations. The physicians examine the blood of all persons suffering from malaria and subject all suspicious cases to a systematic course of treatment. Quinine in tablets or capsules is furnished to patients free of cost at public expense. If the work of these stations should be attended with success, it is also proposed to establish similar stations in all those districts of Istria and Dalmatia infested with malaria, for the purpose of removing this great evil.

The Harper case may become quite celebrated. The laws are so stringent against the steamship companies that they will take no risks with deported passengers. Harper had been refused landing in San Francisco and the company would have been heavily fined if he remained here. Hence the extra care which was taken. Of course the case of Harper was a hard one, and he strongly resented his treatment.

To invite the Russians to check the British advance into Tibet is merely to precipitate a conflict between those two powers. The British occupation of Tibet is meant to counterbalance the advance of Russia southward.

Lighthouses and buoys under regular inspection will be something new to the Territory. The lighthouse service will probably be considerably increased under the Federal government.

The Fidelity Insurance Company seems to have run up against it. It might be called the Infidelity Insurance Company.

The condition of Korea does not improve much. Indeed the machinery of government has practically broken down. One would like to know how much Russian agents have to do with the disturbances. The more disturbed Korea is, the better for Russian policy.

The story of the Goudanese troops having mutinied and gone over to the Mad Mullah seems to have been incorrect. According to one of last night's telegrams the Mullah has been signally

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Dowie will no doubt attract a good deal of attention when he arrives in Honolulu. He is a man of very striking presence and great personal magnetism. His language when preaching is, however, sometimes very offensive. As one of the latest of fanatics he will be worth seeing, at least. He has certainly gained very great notoriety for both himself and his followers. How he will succeed in Australia remains to be seen.

Shutting down upon all free treatment at the Queen's Hospital will bring the question of a Free Hospital prominently forward. If we have counties there should be a county hospital, but under whatever name there should be a hospital where patients are treated free without regard to nationality. The Queen's Hospital is a private institution which has been supported in part by public funds, and the system has never worked well.

The cry is all for peace now. What it really is, is that money is lacking both to Russia and Japan. If Russia had got her loan we should have had war promptly.

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